

## Syria rejects U.S. plan in present form

DAMASCUS (AP) — Syria Sunday rejected a proposal for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement submitted to Arab and Israeli leaders by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz last week. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharrah said he did not believe any other Arab state would support the plan. "We have studied the American proposal and we think the plan is unacceptable," he said. "We also believe that it is not acceptable to any other Arab state." Sharrah told reporters. He spoke at Damascus airport after seeing off his Swedish counterpart, Sten Andersson. Andersson left for home after a 24-hour visit and talks with President Hafez al-Assad and Sharrah on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Sharrah's statement was the first outright Syrian rejection of the plan, which Shultz submitted to Assad during a visit to Damascus March 4. Sharrah said: "We hope the American administration would come up with a much clearer proposal," leaving the door open for additional U.S.-Syrian consultations.

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## Crown Prince begins Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday began a brief working visit to Pakistan during which he will convey a verbal message from His Majesty King Hussein to Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq. Prince Hassan will also hold talks with Zia and senior Pakistani officials on bilateral relations as well as issues of common concern to the Arab and Islamic worlds. The Crown Prince was greeted upon arrival by Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and senior Pakistani officials. Also at hand to receive Prince Hassan were heads of Arab and Islamic diplomatic missions in Pakistan and Jordan's Ambassador Fakhri Abu Taleb. The Crown Prince later held talks with Junejo on the latest developments in the Arab and Islamic scenes and Jordan-Pakistan relations.

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## Rifai briefs Cabinet on King's visits

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday briefed the Cabinet on His Majesty King Hussein's visits to Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and Egypt. The King's talks with Arab leaders focused on the ongoing uprising in the occupied territories and on coordinating Arab positions towards the American peace initiative.

## Churches urged to pressure Israel

ISTANBUL (R) — World churches should put pressure on Israel to take part in an international peace conference aimed at founding a Palestinian state, the World Council of Churches (WCC) said Saturday. The WCC executive committee said in a statement that Israel deserved international condemnation for using excessive violence to suppress Palestinian demonstrations. "The popular uprising... is an expression of the will for national self-determination," the committee said in its weekly major statement after a week of meetings in Istanbul. "Prolongation of the conflict will have catastrophic consequences... equality is the only guarantee for peace." The WCC urged its 300 Orthodox and Protestant member churches to "bring pressure on the government of Israel, through diplomatic and other measures, for negotiations, within the framework of the international conference."

## Swedish firm admits arms shipments to Israel

STOCKHOLM (R) — A Swedish state-owned arms company said Saturday that it exported anti-tank guns to Israel via the Netherlands from 1970 to 1973, sales which would have broken a government weapons embargo. Guy Engman, information chief of the company FFV, made the admission two days after the firm said it almost certainly broke the embargo by shipping ammunition to Australia while it was fighting in the Vietnam War. The admissions have embroiled Sweden in a new arms scandal and dealt a blow to the neutral country which officially bans exports of arms to areas of actual or potential conflict.

## Syria to question PLO official on kidnapping

SIDON (R) — Syria has arrested a senior Palestinian official for questioning on his role in securing the release of two U.N. relief workers held in South Lebanon, Palestinian sources said Saturday. Salah Salah, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative in Lebanon, was detained Wednesday at Masnaa on the Syrian border while travelling to Damascus from Beirut. "The Syrians want to question him on the kidnapping of the two U.N. workers and his role in freeing them."

## Afghan rebel alliance leader resigns

ISLAMABAD (R) — The leader of the main Pakistan-based Afghan guerrilla alliance resigned Saturday, a statement from the group said. It said 69-year-old Mohammad Younis Khalis quit the chairmanship of the seven-party alliance at a meeting of its supreme council in Islamabad, citing "health problems."

# All Palestinians to leave Israeli police force

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Nearly half of the one thousand Palestinian members of the Israeli police force in the occupied West Bank and Gaza had resigned by Saturday night, police sources said.

The entire Arab police force would quit by Sunday, a senior Arab policeman in the town of Ramallah said. The resignations were in reaction to a call by the underground leadership of the three-month-old uprising in the occupied territories for Palestinians to stop working for the Israeli occupation authorities. Palestinian police are not involved in quelling the uprising but are responsible for matters such as traffic and crime control. At least 900 Palestinians have been killed and 1,000 wounded in the uprising which began Dec. 9. Continued protests were reported in the West Bank and Gaza Saturday. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, whose town lost its entire police force, deplored the decision to resign. "It must be made clear the Arab police are not interfering in any in the uprising," he said. "Their resignation will leave a big and dangerous vacuum. There will be robberies and murders that will require police intervention."

Freij added: "I think this decision should be immediately reconsidered."

Resignations submitted by Palestinian police over the weekend take effect Monday. Police sources said all 300 Arab policemen in the southern part of the West Bank resigned Friday. On Saturday, 30 policemen resigned in the northern part of the



A defiant Palestinian woman confronts an Israeli soldier in the occupied West Bank

West Bank, and a further 165 policemen resigned in the Gaza Strip. First Lieutenant Mustafa Adawi, the top Arab officer in Ramallah, said a committee of police officers had decided all 1,000 Palestinian members of the force would resign if the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising asked them to do so. "It is our national duty," Adawi said. He spoke in an interview Friday but the report was suppressed by Israeli military censors for 24 hours. Adawi said 14 officers met last week to decide on their response to a call issued by the leadership of the uprising in the name of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for all civil servants to stop working for the occupation authorities. The officers decided to call a meeting of all Palestinian policemen but were refused permission to do so by an Israeli officer in

charge of personnel, Adawi said. The officer tried to dissuade them from quitting, offering pay rises. Adawi did not say how the 14 officers communicated with the rest of the policemen but said a decision was taken for the entire force to quit if the uprising leadership reiterated the call. On Thursday the leadership issued its 10th communique since the uprising began, repeating the

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# Israeli jets bomb Fateh bases

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes bombed Palestinian camps on the outskirts of Sidon Saturday. First reports said at least one man was killed and 10 people were wounded in the 10-minute raid. Witnesses and Palestinians quoted by news agencies said four Israeli aircraft took part in the two-stage raid on positions of the Fateh group of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the Mich Mieh and 'Ain Al Dib areas near Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut. Heavy black smoke billowed from the hilltop positions and ambulances rushed to the scene as rescue workers dug through rubble with their bare hands in search of injured. Witnesses said 10 injured people were pulled from ruined buildings; four of them seriously

hurt, and rescue workers were searching for an 11th missing fighter. The jets drew heavy anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian and Lebanese militia positions in Sidon and surrounding hills, the witnesses said. The Israeli army command said its planes struck installations used by Palestinian commandos to plan attacks against targets inside Israel and as an exit point for these attacks. It said the targets were demolished and all the planes returned safely to base. It gave no other details. It was the second Israeli air raid on Palestinian targets in Lebanon this year. Twelve Israeli warplanes carried out a rare nighttime attack Jan. 2 against bases manned by Fateh commandos and fighters of

## Joint panel allocates \$32m for Palestinians

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for Supporting the Struggle for the Liberation of the Occupied Arab Territories Saturday announced the allocation of \$32 million for financing economic, health, educational, social and developmental projects in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. An official spokesman for the committee said the allocations were decided upon during meetings of the committee in Amman last Wednesday and Thursday. The committee reviewed priorities in implementation of schemes in the occupied territories, "especially in light of the ongoing uprising which placed different Arab sectors there under considerable economic pressure," the spokesman said. The committee reviewed in detail its financial situation and adopted specific resolutions, fixing allocations for the various sectors, in addition to trade unions and Islamic waqf, the spokesman said. He said the \$32 million allocation exceeds the committee's \$19 million revenues which came solely from Saudi Arabia. The committee voiced its appreciation and gratitude to Saudi Arabia for providing continued help to the committee's programmes and expressed hope that other Arab countries would contribute towards the committee's endeavours, the spokesman said.

# Perez de Cuellar accuses U.S. of violating agreement with U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States violated its agreement with the United Nations, when it decided to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) mission in New York, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Saturday. But in a written report to the General Assembly he proposed no new measures to deal with the situation pending a decision by the World Court, which is to start considering the case next month. U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese Friday ordered the PLO mission in Manhattan to close by March 21, the date set in the U.S. Congress's 1987 "anti-terrorism" act. Recalling his meeting with U.S. delegate Herbert Okun, who informed him of Meese's action, Perez de Cuellar said he protested to the American representative and stated that the U.S. decision as outlined to him was "a clear violation of the headquarters agreement between the United Nations and the United States."

# McFarlane deal strengthens Walsh

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The Iran-contra special prosecutor is expected to bring criminal charges against other ex-White House aides soon with the help of convicted former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane. McFarlane, President Reagan's national security adviser from October 1983 until December 1985, agreed Friday to cooperate with the investigation in a deal in which he pleaded guilty to withholding information from the U.S. Congress. Special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said the guilty plea to four counts of withholding key information from Congress on U.S. efforts to support Nicaragua's contra rebels marked an important step forward in his nearly completed investigation. McFarlane will become a prosecution witness against principal

# 150 feared killed in Kathmandu stampede

KATHMANDU (R) — More than 80 people are known to have died in a stampede after a soccer match at Nepal's national stadium Saturday and hospital doctors say the death toll may reach 150. Up to 20,000 spectators at a football match between Nepalese and Bangladeshi teams panicked as a hailstorm struck the city and rushed for the stadium's locked gates. But their escape from the rain was barred by locked gates, which survivors claimed police refused to open before the match ended without orders from their officers. Eyewitnesses described victims screaming as they were crushed to death by the weight of hundreds of people behind them. Hours after the disaster, already described as the worst in the history of this Himalayan kingdom, ambulances were still ferrying the injured to hospitals in Kathmandu and nearby Patan. "Nobody can give a proper count," said one doctor, "but we think there are more than 700 injured."

# King returns from Cairo; Arafat expected here soon

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein returned home late Friday after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo on the latest developments in the Middle East and the new American proposal for peace in the region. In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the King said his talks with Mubarak were part of inter-Arab consultations and coordination to confront challenges facing the Arab Nation. King Hussein, who earlier this week held talks with the leaders of Syria, Iraq and Kuwait on the U.S. peace proposal, said Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

was expected soon in Amman for similar discussions. "I have actually extended an invitation to Arafat to visit Jordan for consultations and discussions on these matters and the new developments," he said at a news conference in Cairo before returning to Amman. "We expect this visit to take place shortly."

Optimism

Mubarak said that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rejection of the latest U.S. Middle East initiatives was an obstacle to peace but added that he remained optimistic. King Hussein, standing by Mubarak's side at the news conference after three and a half hours of talks, told reporters he agreed that Shamir's stand was an

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# Iraqis hit Iranian oil pumping station

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said Saturday its jets hit a tanker in the Gulf and an oil pumping station on the Iranian mainland, indicating a shift of hostilities to economic targets as a truce in the "war of the cities" appeared to be holding. Tehran accused Iraq of violating the truce, sending a warplane to bomb Gachsaran town, in southwestern Iran. Tehran Television quoted a spokesman for the war information headquarters as saying the plane was "forced to flee under heavy anti-aircraft fire." He said the aircraft was seen "dropping it bombs out of frustration in a desert area." The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) earlier reported that Iranian Revolutionary Guards attacked and set ablaze the offshore Al Amaya platform in the northern tip of the Gulf. Iraq said its jets, in the first air action since the Gulf enemies called an informal truce in their "war of the cities," raided the Imam Hassan oilfield at 1.41 p.m. (1041 GMT). A Baghdad military spokesman said all planes returned safely. "It is Iraq's right to destroy Iran's economic installations

Iran: U.N. efforts a priority

In Vienna, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani said Saturday priority should be given to a Gulf war peace plan proposed by U.N.

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# Iraq hopes for serious Iranian move for peace

By Hamadeh Al Faraneh Special to the Jordan Times

BAGHDAD — Iraq's initiative to end the war of cities with Iran aims to avoid further loss of life among innocent civilians and expresses Iraq's total rejection of the idea of destruction and death. Iraqi Foreign Minister Under-Secretary Nizar Hamdoun said Saturday in a statement here to the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i. Hamdoun expressed hope the Iraqis would respond favourably to the Iraqi initiative "which aims to reduce tension and pave the way for an end to the war."

"Iraq hopes that Iran will realise that the balance of power is in Iraq's favour and will seriously think of ending the conflict with its neighbour," Hamdoun said. Recent visits by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz to Moscow and Peking were positive and "there are positive indications which will be reflected in the ongoing consultations among U.N. Security Council, which is expected to adopt a balanced position vis-a-vis the Gulf war," Hamdoun said. Hamdoun called on the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers meeting due to be held in Amman later this month to take "a clear stand with regard to the war and the Palestine issue and adopt effective measures to safeguard the higher interests of the Islamic World."

# Goria resignation plunges Italy into crisis

ROME (R) — Prime Minister Giovanni Goria has resigned for the third time in less than eight months, plunging Italy into a sudden and complex government crisis. Goria, a Christian Democrat who led Italy's 47th government since World War Two and also became the country's youngest post-war prime minister, had been expected to resign next week to clear the way for a more solidly-based government. But on Friday he declared bitterly that his position had become

untenable following a bitter argument among Italy's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals over nuclear power policy. "We had envisaged a well-balanced itinerary in everybody's interests and in Italy's international interests," Goria said after offering his resignation to President Francesco Cossiga. "Things have turned out differently from what we imagined and this itinerary has now become impassable."

Goria said a scheduled Spanish-Italian summit in Turin next Tuesday and Wednesday would go ahead unless Spain objected. Goria, asked by reporters after presenting his resignation to President Cossiga whether he thought the Socialists had used the nuclear issue as a pretext to provoke a crisis, said: "No, I observe, I don't think any more."

Cossiga asked Goria to stay on as a caretaker premier until formation of a new government.

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**KHARTOUM (R) —** At least 10,000 Sudanese defied a government ban Saturday to march through Khartoum in protest at the presence of foreign forces in western provinces, witnesses said.

The march was organised by the Committee for the Progress of Darfur. Scores of people have been killed in the mainly desert region in a spate of armed robberies blamed partly on the side-

The march coincided with press reports that Sudan's head of state, Ahmad Ali Al Mirghani, would present a plan to improve ties between Libya and Egypt.

Local newspapers reported Saturday that troops had discovered a huge arms dump in Darfur. They said the weapons were believed to have been hidden in the 1970s by forces opposed to Numeiri's rule.

A Palestinian remonstrates with Israeli soldiers in the Aroub refugee camp in the occupied West Bank to allow people collect bags of food. The food was delivered by Palestinians living in the surrounding area to help residents of Aroub, where a curfew remains in force.

**BONN (Agencies)** — West German politicians Friday criticised excesses by the Israeli army in the occupied territories.

**GOING ON**

### Israeli soldiers beat up a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah

fair grounds in northern Cairo was heavily guarded during the opening ceremonies.

An Israeli embassy official in Cairo declined to say why his (UAE) is exhibiting at the two-week fair for the first time since most of the Arab World cut ties with Egypt because of its treaty with Israel.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) said Friday it had asked for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to be

before issuing visas for visits to the United States. "Shamir is legally excludable from entering the United States."

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## U.S. senators urge Shultz

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of conservative U.S. senators have urged Secretary of State George Shultz to refrain from pressuring Israeli Prime Minister

Shamir has said he objects to a peace plan formulated by Shultz that calls for talks between Israel and the Arabs on autonomy for

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**UNITED NATIONS (R)**—The administrator of the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), William Draper, was asked by Algeria to postpone a visit this

Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia and was to have spent Wednesday and Thursday in Algeria but was advised by the government to come some other time, the sources said.

CAIRO (AP) — A prosecutor charged Saturday that Anwar Sadat's brother and other relatives had used the slain president's name "to ruin the country" as a (prosecution) tool," he said, looking shaken.

Sayed Abdul Baky, president of the seven-man tribunal, admonished Esmat not to interrupt the

row of benches where he had been sitting near Galal Sadat, one of his sons.

"His name should not be used

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**KHAYAT RETURNS:** Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayat Saturday returned from Egypt after taking part in the Islamic Research Academy conference which ended in Cairo on March 8.

**TALKS WITH FAO:** Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dahyeh Saturday discussed with a delegation from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), on cooperation between the ministry and the organisation in water and irrigation fields. Discussions also covered joint projects especially the project for exploiting waste water in agriculture in Kherbit Al Samra area.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** The Lower House of Parliament's Agricultural Committee Saturday discussed a report on the demands of farmers and poultry farmers in the Jordan Valley area. The committee will also hold a meeting Sunday to discuss a number of issues related to the agricultural sector in the country.

**RELIGIOUS SEMINAR:** The Jordanian-Pakistani Friendship Society and the University of Jordan's Islamic Cultural Centre will organise a religious seminar Monday at the university on the occasion of Al-Israa Wal Miraj (the anniversary marking Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey and ascension to heaven). The anniversary falls on Wednesday.

**FORUM HUMANUM:** The Jordanian chapter of Forum Humanum will hold a meeting Sunday at the University of Jordan during which the General Assembly members will discuss steps for transforming the national forum into a pan-Arab forum. This will enable youths from Arab countries to join the forum's membership and to take part into its various activities.

**ZAWAIDEH:** Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Saturday received separately the Lebanese, Omani and Syrian ambassadors in Amman and reviewed with them bilateral relations and technical cooperation especially in construction fields.

**HAMMOURI:** Minister of Culture and National Heritage Dr. Mohammad Al Hammouri Saturday met separately with the Lebanese Ambassador in Amman Pierre Ziadeh and Spanish Ambassador in Amman Ramon Armengod and discussed with them cultural cooperation.

**RESTAURANTS CLOSED:** Four restaurants and a poultry meat store in Deir Abi Sa'id will be closed upon orders from district governor Mahmud Al Sari for their violations of public safety regulations. Local authorities also destroyed an unspecified quantity of foodstuffs they found unfit for human consumption.

**RADIO PROGRAMMES:** The Ministry of Education has temporarily suspended school programmes by radio for technical reasons. A ministry official said that the suspension will last until March 29.

**DERMATOLOGISTS:** Invitations have been sent out to Arab dermatologists to attend a general conference in Amman in September 1988. The Jordanian Dermatologists Society, which is sponsoring the conference, said that teaching medicine in Arabic will be among the main topics for discussion.

**VINE SAPLINGS:** Deir Alla Agricultural Station announced that it has new saplings of vine, apple and pear saplings and urged farmers to buy these saplings which will be sold at nominal prices.

**FIRST AID COURSE:** A week-long training course on first aid, organised by the Jordan National Red Crescent Society, ended in Amman Saturday. Thirty-two students from government schools in Amman took part in the course, which was held in cooperation with the Civil Defence Department.

**PEOPLE'S ARMY:** Another batch of People's Army recruits graduated from a training centre at Qoura district in northern Jordan Valley region. The recruits were trained in the use of light arms and first aid operations.

**MUTA UNIVERSITY:** Mu'ta University will take part in a seminar entitled "The Arab Researcher," which will open in Syria Monday. Dr. Anwar Abu Swellim will represent Mu'ta University at the three-day seminar.

**IRBID TOURISM:** Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni met in Irbid Saturday with Governor Akram Al Naser and discussed the tourism situation in the Irbid Governorate. They also reviewed the "Yamouk Panorama" project and the establishment of a hotel in the city of Irbid.

**NEW ROAD:** A road linking Zar'a with Ghor Haditha in the southern Jordan Valley region will be completed before the end of 1988, according to Public Works Ministry Secretary General Khalaf Huwari. He made the announcement during an inspection tour of the road which runs along the Dead Sea shores.

**MEDICAL CONFERENCE:** The Jordanian Medical Association (JMA) has set up an executive committee for the sixth Jordanian medical conference which will be held in September. The 14-member committee which comprises doctors and specialists from the private and public sectors said that early diagnosis of cancer, blood diseases and antibiotics will be among the main topics of discussion at the coming conference.

**BAR ASSOCIATION:** The Jordanian Bar Association held its annual meeting at the Professional Association Complex in Amman Friday and endorsed 11 amendments to the association's statutes, and reviewed reports about the 1987 activities.

**AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS:** The Jordanian Agricultural Engineers Association is holding its general assembly meeting in Amman on March 25 to elect a new board for the coming 3 years. A meeting which was scheduled for March 11 was cancelled due to lack of quorum, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

**BUILDINGS:** Specifications of buildings and the preparation of a questionnaire for obtaining statistics and information on housing and construction material will be on the Arab Housing and Reconstruction Ministers Council meeting, due to convene in Tunis March 23.

## Shakaa says civil law referred to parliament

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Justice Riad Al Shakaa said in a statement published in Al Dustour Arabic daily that the new Jordanian civil law has been referred to parliament, which will debate it in full before it can be adopted.

Shakaa also announced that the Ministry of Justice has acquired a plot of land in the Independence Street where it will set up a Palace of Justice (the main court buildings) in place of the building downtown, and has allocated sufficient funds for the project.

The ministry has opened first instance courts in Aqaba, Tafleh and Mafrag, and peace courts in six other towns of the Kingdom, the minister added.

He said that the Ministry of Justice is making preparations for opening a training institute for judges and legal advisors employed in public organisations.

Shakaa also announced that Jordan will take part in the April 2-5 Arab Justice Ministers Council meeting in Kuwait which will discuss unification of Arab countries' legislations on civil registration and real estate among other subjects.

## Firm to study linking national grids of Jordan and Egypt

AMMAN (J.T.) — A French firm has won a tender to conduct a feasibility study on linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan, and work on this study was expected to be completed in seven months from now, according to the deputy director of the Egyptian Electricity Corporation Hani Al Shaer.

He expected the project to take three years to complete once it won the approval of the Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee which originally suggested it.

"Linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan would mean exchanging the distribution and supply of electric power for the benefit of both sides," Shaer explained.

But he declined to give any figures about the total cost of the project, and said that figures will be specified in a final statement on the feasibility study.



Jordan National Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu Qoura receives Bulgarian Red Cross Society delegation in Amman Saturday (Petra photo)

## Abu Qoura holds talks with Bulgarian Red Cross team

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the Bulgarian Red Cross Society (BRCS) met here Saturday with the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) President Ahmad Abu Qoura and voiced the Bulgarian people's support for the Arab struggle against Israeli occupation, and for the Arab nation's endeavours to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

The delegation, comprising BRCS President Kiril Ignatov and his assistant Alexander Marinov, paid tribute to the JNRCS's contribution to promote the cause of peace and to carry out its

humanitarian mission. Ignatov called for an end to the Gulf war which he said has been sapping the Iraqi and Iranian economic resources.

Ignatov also warned against the danger of nuclear and chemical weapons and underlined the importance of the role played by Red Crescent and Red Cross societies in serving humanitarian causes.

The Bulgarian delegation, which arrived here Friday, were taken on visits to Al Hilal Hospital run by JNRCS, a vocational training centre for women and a JNRCS youth centre at Tlaa Al Ali.

## DLDNA to hold book festival for children Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — A children's book festival is to be held Saturday in Amman under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, as part of national activities on children's literature in Jordan.

The festival, which is being organised in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA), aims to orient the public on publications and other

material to help in raising and educating children psychologically and socially, according to DLDNA Director General Ahmad Sharkas.

Sharkas said the festival will include a children's book corner for all ages — books dealing with childhood in Arabic and English, computers for children, children's toys and educational aids and an exhibition of children's drawings.

## Masri to head Jordan's team to 17th OIC meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The government has formed Jordan's delegation to the Organisation of Islamic Conference's (OIC) 17th foreign minister's meeting which will open in Amman on March 21.

The delegation, which will be headed by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, will group senior officials from the Foreign Ministry, and a number of Jordanian ambassadors as well as representatives of various ministries and government departments.

The Foreign Ministry's Secretary General Nabih Al Nimer

announced Friday that preparations were underway for the five day conference, which is expected to be attended by all members in the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The uprising in the occupied Arab territories, the Gulf war and other issues of concern to the Arab and Islamic World will be discussed by the conference, Nimer said.

He said that his department has received no notification from any Islamic country declining attendance.

## Ministry campaigns among children for dental care

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Health's Dental Department has carried out a major campaign to spread awareness among school children about the need to care for their teeth, the department's Director Ghaleb Oweis said.

He said that the campaign aimed to point out the consequences of neglecting to clean the teeth, a phenomenon that was spreading among children in Jordan and damaging their health.

Teams of dentists from the department gave lectures at schools, explaining means of cleaning teeth and the need for children to have their teeth checked from time to time to

ensure safety, Oweis said. He urged school teachers to contribute to this campaign by providing further advice to their students.

The Ministry of Health also announced that a training course on health education was starting Saturday.

It said that teachers at the primary and preparatory stages will be oriented on means of spreading awareness among children on ways to protect their teeth, on sound means of nourishment and the consequences of smoking.

At least 50 teachers are taking part in the two-day course.

## Hmoud departs to Oman for agricultural conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud left for Muscat, Oman, at the head of a Jordanian delegation, to take part in a regional conference organised by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The five-day conference, which opened Saturday, will discuss subjects related to FAO activities and programmes carried out last year, means of supporting agricultural development program-

mes in Third World countries, and a number of related topics. The Jordanian delegation groups the directors of the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, and the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

An announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture Saturday said that a committee has been formed by Hmoud to lay down training programmes for veterinarians, engineers and agricultural technicians employed by the ministry.

## Budget Rent A Car Int. Amman linked to worldwide computer

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# Ministry holds contacts to acquire land for Arab Hospital of Jerusalem

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Health Ministry is holding contacts and consultations with different concerned parties, for acquiring a 50-dunum piece of land at Beit Hanina, in the outskirts of Arab Jerusalem, for setting up the projected Arab Hospital of Jerusalem, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh announced Saturday.

In a statement to the Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times, the minister said the subject of the Jerusalem hospital will be tackled by the Arab Health Ministers Council during its meeting in Amman early next month.

The Israeli authorities three years ago seized the Hospice Hospital in Arab Jerusalem and closed it down, claiming that it can no more serve its purpose, thus depriving the local Arab residents of medical services and forcing them to seek such facilities at Israeli hospitals.

The Health Ministry had since then carried out relentless efforts to secure help from Arab countries for building a new hospital in occupied Jerusalem.

Last December, Hamzeh announced that preparations were underway for establishing the hospital and that JD 50,000 from Jordan and \$150,000 from the World Health Organisation (WHO) have been secured for the project.

The projected hospital, according to the minister, will have 150 beds and will possess all essential and modern equipment and medical requirements, as well as a qualified staff of doctors and nurses.

He said that an Arab health society is currently involved in raising contributions and supervising preparatory work for this project.

At the WHO conference, last May, Hamzeh approached friendly delegations and a Vatican representative, to help exert pressure on Israel to issue a licence for the hospital, the first to be built in the Arab territories since the 1967 occupation.

Until last December the Israelis had not yet responded to the licence request, according to the minister.

Nearly 70 per cent of the Arab population of Jerusalem are not medically insured, and 50 per cent of them cannot afford private medical treatment, according to a Health Ministry official.

man doctors after Libya which last month sent a team to Amman and selected more than 100 doctors to be employed in Libyan cities.

Over the past two years, the Health Ministry was able to find employment for Jordanian doctors at Ministry of Health's centres; and in cooperation with the Jordanian Medical Association, has established special funds offering assistance to those wishing to open clinics in rural and remote regions of the Kingdom.

**Doctors' salaries in N. Yemen**

Hamzeh said he will discuss the question of salaries for Jordanian physicians employed in North Yemen, during a visit to Jordan by the North Yemeni health minister towards the end of March.

The minister said that between 160 and 170 Jordanian physicians and nearly 100 specialists will be employed in North Yemen, and a date is yet to be fixed for the first batch of these doctors to leave for Sanaa.

Hamzeh said he invited his North Yemeni counterpart to visit Jordan, to discuss questions related to medical cooperation between the two countries.

North Yemen will be the second Arab country to conclude contracts for employing Jordanian doctors after Libya which last month sent a team to Amman and selected more than 100 doctors to be employed in Libyan cities.

The project entails a program-

me to enhance the training of health care workers, according to a Health Ministry official.

He said the creation of a national training institute for Ministry of Health teachers and nurses, and the revision and expansion of training curricula, will strengthen the quality of Jordan's nursing profession and enhance the primary health care being delivered to mothers and children.

Two U.S. private voluntary agencies, Save the Children Federation and the Catholic Relief Services, will participate in the development of this programme.

Hamzeh, who underlined the need for this programme, for Jordan during Saturday's meeting, had said that the Health Ministry spends JD 60 million annually on promoting and improving health services in the country.

The minister, at a meeting held here last month for doctors and specialists to promote the primary health programmes, said that Jordan was cooperating with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in this respect, and has gone a long way towards providing health services for all citizens in Jordan by the year 2000.

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Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh receives a U.S. technical team in Amman Saturday (Petra photo)



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## Muffle the real terrorist

IT is regrettable that as efforts are being exerted to prod the Shultz-Mideast peace plan, the U.S. government has decided to close the PLO mission to the United Nations in New York. This unfortunate step could not have occurred at a worst time, in view of Jordan's attempts to promote a common Arab strategy which would assure the PLO's participation in the projected negotiations. This is not the kind of message or the kind of supportive action that the Shultz peace plan urgently awaits, especially at this critical juncture when it faces an uphill battle against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's open rejection of the plan. One can certainly see the sinister hands of Israel at work in this latest U.S. decision to set in motion the legal procedures to silence the voice of the PLO at the U.N. Israel and its supporters in the U.S. have always conspired to frustrate efforts to include the PLO in peace efforts in the Middle East. It is noteworthy that George Shultz himself has described this blatantly illegal decision by Washington as a serious blow to his peace efforts in this region of the world.

If forces hostile to the Shultz plan succeed in aborting his peace mission in the Middle East, the U.S. Congress would have to share the blame for future calamities which are sure to follow if the Palestinian people are not granted their national rights.

Whatever happened to the voice of reason, expressed only few days ago by the 30 U.S. senators who openly criticised Shamir and his Likud Party for rejecting the foundation on which the Shultz plan rests?

What we see here is the classic American double-standard at work: One morality for the world, another for the Palestinians. It stinks of a brand of erratic morality found in unusually large concentrations in American public officials. If the Congress were so concerned about giving terrorists a platform in the United States, the first thing it should do is stop Shamir's visit to Washington — or serve Ronald Reagan with an arrest warrant for being an accomplice to terror, for meeting with Shamir and giving him \$3 billion a year. It seems that where the U.S., Israel, Palestinians and terror are concerned, there is only irrationality, and cheapness — from sea to shining sea.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Joint action

KING Hussein's talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak serves as another step towards consolidating joint Arab action. The talks in Cairo which followed the King's meetings with the leaders of Syria, Kuwait and Iraq should contribute effectively towards opening the road before the Arab leaders to translate their solidarity into joint action to face the common challenges that threaten the Arab Nation. Solidarity among Arab countries is in need of further development in view of the dangers confronting the Arabs; and in need of joint action in accordance with carefully laid plans. There is no doubt that the Arab leadership realises now that such joint action is needed to put an end to Israel's crimes in the occupied Arab territory, and to force Israel to accept the idea of an international conference which can and should bring about a genuine peace to the Middle East, a peace that would liberate the Palestinian land from occupation and return the usurped rights. The Arab leadership ought to help the Palestinians under Israeli rule to step up their struggle for freedom and should take other essential steps to ensure their rights. The common Arab struggle should crown all these efforts and should be the climax of joint action so that this nation can deter the Israeli aggressors from pursuing their inhuman practices against our brothers in the occupied territories.

### Al Dustour: King pursues unified stand

THE King's visit to Cairo on Friday and his talks with President Hosni Mubarak fall within the context of inter-Arab diplomatic efforts designed to unify Arab stands during this critical stage and as the Middle East continues to witness a flurry of diplomatic activity towards peace. Consultations among Arab leaders is an urgent matter also because of the current Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. A unified stand and joint action is also needed with regard to the latest U.S. secretary of state's proposals for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. Coordinated efforts should be made by Arab leaders before a final reply can be sent to Washington about this latest initiative and cooperation should be maintained to enable the Palestinians to pursue the struggle for freedom. The Arabs ought to think of effective measures to extend a hand to their brothers who are now facing oppression and to back their efforts. The King's consultations with Arab leaders are therefore needed at this decisive stage as they clearly aim at helping the nation to achieve its objectives.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan pursues unified stand

KING Hussein's talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo reaffirmed the Jordanian-Egyptian joint diplomatic moves for resolving the Middle East issue. Jordan played host to the Amman Arab summit last November which formulated a unified Arab stand and displayed consensus and agreement among Arab countries on all issues of concern to their nation. The summit also corroborated the Arab Nation's solidarity and enhanced its steadfastness in the face of Israel's policies. In every Arab and foreign capital visited by the King, talks revolved on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war; and everywhere, the King has been advocating the need for an international conference that can find a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problem. Jordan has also reaffirmed its welcome of any serious and genuine diplomatic effort for promoting the cause of peace and has seen in the latest American ideas another chance for embarking on the process of peace. No doubt, the uprising in the occupied Arab territory had served as a catalyst for the American move but the Arabs have to join forces if any constructive achievement is to be realised.

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

# Uprising highlights Israel's economic vulnerability

DURING 1987, the Israeli economy performed its best in many years. At the end of the year it was hit by an uprising that politician never expected and economists never taken into account.

Israeli economy was responding positively to a package of policies adopted three years ago, and implemented by the coalition government.

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), the gross domestic product (GDP) grew at 27 per cent in current prices, or 4.6 per cent in real terms. The consumer price index (CPI) rose by only 16.1 per cent compared to 44.5 in 1984, 18.6 in 1985, and 19.7 in 1986. This means that hyperinflation was cured and replaced by a rather high but ordinary inflation rate. Israeli exports of commodities rose in 1987 by 18.5 per cent in terms of dollars to reach \$8.2 billion. The Israeli shekkel (IS) achieved a relative stability. Its value declined during 1987 against the dollar by only seven per cent.

All these were indicators of an improving economy. That is why the uprising was so painful, as it foiled this improvement: Taxes collected from the occupied territories dropped by 50 per cent, Israeli exports to the area declined by 40 per cent, foreign tourism to Israel fell by 30 to 40 per cent, the construction sector lost 40 per cent of its cheap labour, and agriculture lost 55 per cent of its working force. The European Parliament rejected three economic financial and trade treaties with Israel. Other consequences of the uprising are still to come.

However, the improvement in Israel's economic indicators during 1987 should not blind us from seeing the crucial structural weaknesses of that economy.

The Israeli economy is plagued by a sickness similar to that suffered by oil economies. It gives an illusion of prosperity and indicates an artificial rise in the standard of living, based on an external source of revenue, which is neither stable nor sustainable.

Like oil economies, Israel can, for some time, consume and invest 15.5 per cent more than its gross national product. For the same reason Israel can import goods and services equal to 137.5 per cent of its exports. The structural deficit is in the order of 15.6 per cent.

The tangible production, agriculture, manufacturing and construction, contributed 39.7 per cent only. Such low percentage, can be seen only in a very advanced economy or in an economy dependent on external support. It is obvious that the Israeli economy falls under the latter.

The Israeli economy is dominated by the external sector. Foreign trade is as high as 100 per cent of gross GDP. This is an indicator of vulnerability and exposure to unpredictable external influences. Israel exports 41.6 per cent of its domestic products, and depends on imports to the extent of 57.2 per cent.

Israeli exports are not diversified. Out of \$8.2 billion in exports, machinery and equipment assembled in Israel make 26 per cent and polished diamond 20 per cent. The share of agricultural products on the other hand is down to seven per cent only.

The deficit in the Israeli commodity balance of trade reached \$3.2 billion or 10 per cent of GDP. This is a huge deficit which could not go on indefinitely had it not been for extensive American aid which allowed Israel to live far beyond its own means.

We have also to point out the important fact that most Israeli exports are actually re-exports. The value of the imported raw diamonds amounted to 90 per cent of the exported polished diamonds; and the value of imported parts, components, and steel amounted to 61 per cent of the exported machinery and equipment. All this shows that the value-added in the Israeli exports is extremely low.

Israeli trade partners are very limited. One solid third of the Israeli exports go to the United States alone, and over 40 per cent go to the European Community (EC). Israel is thus under the mercy of two trade partners which are giving Israel a preference and exceptionally favourable treatment, that may not continue for ever. Only days ago the European Parliament rejected three economic treaties with Israel in protest for of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising.

Perhaps the weakest point in the Israeli economy is the distance that separates Israel from the world where it belongs. Geographically Israel is in the Middle East while politically and commercially it lies in the Atlantic Ocean, somewhere between the United States in the West and the EC in the East.

Finally, we have to touch on the gross mismanagement of the Israeli economy which was always a chaos, supervised by economically irresponsible administration. Only the military establishment was well organised and efficiently run. Even this establishment was doomed by the recent uprising, which reduced the so-called Israeli defence forces (IDF) into riot police, to terrorise "second degree citizens" in a racist state.

## Turkish woman labour minister to draw on union past

By John Owen-Davies  
Reuters

ANKARA — Trade union officials brought up in a tough male-orientated society wait impassively outside the office of Turkey's first democratically-elected woman cabinet minister, knowing they can expect a sympathetic hearing.

"Sympathy" and "democracy" are words that new Labour Minister Imren Aykut, 47, a trade unionist for two decades, uses often.

She was appointed by conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal last December at a time of increased union calls for the removal of restrictions imposed on them by the army after the 1980 coup.

Aykut, who wants to review some laws and constitutional provisions related to unions, relies heavily on her experience and background in trade union work, which sources say makes her the best-equipped labour minister since modern Turkey was founded in 1923.

"I have been approaching both sides (employers and workers) with great sympathy and goodwill and I am quite ready to assist them in all sorts of matters," she told Reuters.

"I am a person who believes deeply in democracy... It is my aim to achieve a reasonable and constant working peace in this country," she said.

"I am supporting the fair demands of the unions and trying to solve issues in the best possible manner."

"Since I have an expertise in trade union life, I can easily understand their wishes and demands. I can also judge their fair and unfair demands," she added.

Development of trade unionism in Turkey, which has applied for full membership of the European Community, is being monitored closely by the Geneva-based International Labour Organisation.

"One of my aims is to try to maintain a constant dialogue with the trade unions and employers... I believe I should be quite successful in solving my problems through this policy," Aykut said.

Labour sources say Aykut is on good terms with Sevtik Yilmaz, chairman of the Turk-Is confederation which groups about two million of Turkey's estimated three million trade union members.

Born in the southern Turkish city of Adana in 1941, Aykut studied U.S. arbitration and mediation methods after leaving Istanbul University in 1964 and specialised in worker-employer relations at Oxford University in Britain.

She worked with the Turkish mine workers' syndicate, the textile union and at a bottle and glass factory before becoming secretary general of the paper industry employers' syndicate.

A member of the Turkey's consultative assembly after the 1980 coup, she was elected to parliament for the National Democracy Party in the military-supervised 1983 election.

When the party was dissolved, Aykut joined Ozal's Motherland Party and last November was one of six women elected to the 450-seat parliament.

Aykut sees the appointment of a woman cabinet minister as a natural part of democracy.

"Democracy is not only for the male members of society. It is for the whole society, therefore ladies should take part, an active part, in democratic life," she said.

The appointment of a woman as labour minister is a positive thing. It ensures a softer approach to problems," said Halit Narin, president of the employers' confederation Tisk.



## Wall writing: A guide to political happenings

By Nicolas B. Tatro  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Graffiti, the ubiquitous wall writing spray painted on mosques, schools and shops, is a guide to political happenings in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

From the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem to the farmlands of Gaza, the walls are a bulletin-board for political groups to proclaim their ideologies and issue public appeals.

"Let the Gaza Strip be in flames for Shultz," said a wall in Gaza city shortly before the recent Middle East shuttle of U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

A slogan in black paint on the wall of the Beit Al May refugee camp in the West Bank declared: "Disgrace will face collaborators. Glory to our heroic martyrs."

It was signed by the United

National Leadership of the Uprising, a name used by supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A more religious tone was struck nearby: "Paradise for our martyrs" and "God is great. Victory to Islam."

This was signed by Hamas, Arabic for zeal, the signature of the Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist Sunni Muslim group that opposes PLO support for a negotiated settlement.

"Islam is the solution and the alternative," said a slogan signed by the "Islamic resistance," also believed to be the work of Muslim brothers.

In travels through the occupied territories, a reporter saw other wall declarations signed by Shaabiyah, of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

On the Mount of Olives, writing on a wall declared "Palestinian-Arab solidarity lives on."

This slogan is a rarity because sentiment in the West Bank and Gaza has been strongly against Arab states.

The feeling is that Arab states have failed to support the rebellion against Israeli occupation and some fear that the revolutionary fervour will cross its borders.

Some wall-writing has called for specific action, such as ones in Gaza that demanded the resignation of Arab tax collectors.

"Arab employees of the income tax and value added department must resign. Otherwise we will..." said the warning in downtown Gaza city.

Forty tax workers quit their jobs as directed, and new graffiti written in blue spray paint replaced the old: "Yes, yes for the

step taken by our honourable brothers in resigning from the tax department..."

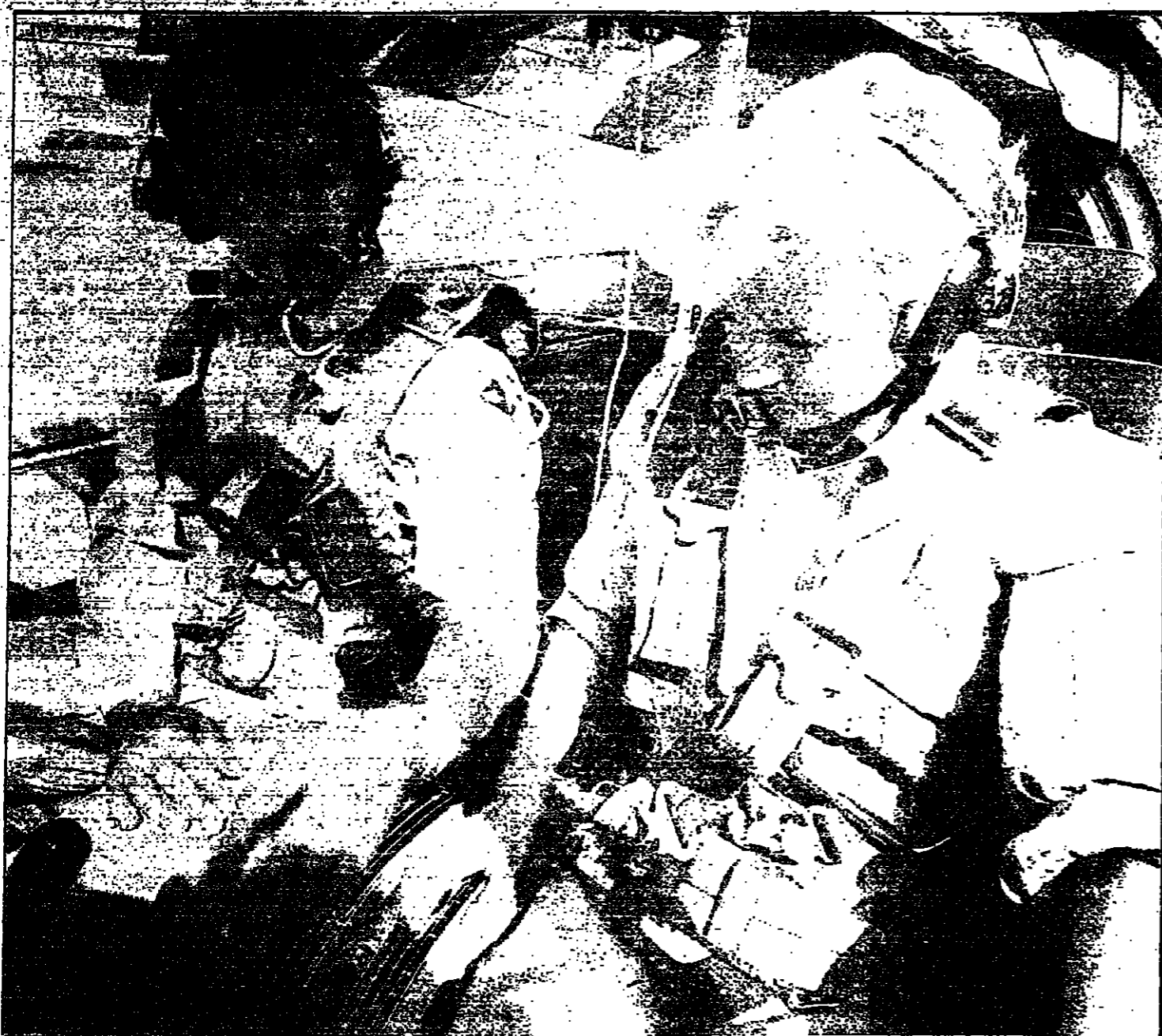
Moderates have also come in for a pounding on the walls, which tend to reflect more hard-line views.

"Down with Hanna Simora and Fayed Abu Rahme," declared a slogan attacking the two Palestinians who met with Shultz in Washington last month.

Israel's army has periodically tried to censor the wall writing. In Nabulus, a reporter saw Arab prisoners watched by armed Israeli soldiers use black paint to blot out slogans such as "Death to Israel."

The political graffiti has also spread to Israel, where the division between left and right is played out on the walls of the beachfront *tayellet*, or promenade in Tel Aviv.

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## Don't push, we are partners

After a visit to Stockholm, Najwa Najjar assesses women's role in Swedish society

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — In spite of all the laws implemented in Sweden guaranteeing women rights and freedoms, Swedish women still have some way to go before they become truly equal to their male counterparts.

In the last two decades, Swedish women have made great strides in the fight for their liberation. Large numbers of women entering the labour market and achieving economic independence have strengthened women's calls for equality.

According to a number of Swedes interviewed by the Jordan Times, a noticeable increase of male participation in childrearing and housekeeping has taken place. However, some of the women interviewed pointed out continued discrimination in the job market and in the family.

Other Swedes call for a return of women to the home. They say women should choose between "being employed or at home." There is an ongoing debate among Swedes on whether women's employment has had a negative impact on the society and has led to a breakdown in the family unit.

In the 1960's, Sweden's economic prognosis showed that the country would need labour by the beginning of the 1970's, according to a civil servant, who requested anonymity. She said, "it became necessary to mobilise women," in addition to importing labour.

The influx of women into the labour market, especially married women, increased the number of working women to today's figure of 82 per cent of all women, said assistant under secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Mona Danielson. "Just as many women as men are in the labour force, but working hours are very unevenly divided," said Danielson.

Nearly half of all working women work part time, compared with seven per cent of men; and part time work occurs in these occupations which are regarded as "women's work."

Swedish legal system guards against sex discrimination in employment. But Danielson says that the labour market is in fact segregated. "Women tend to be nurses, teachers and secretaries, while men go into the industrial fields," she said, adding that there were more women in the technical fields and less housewives, "but, it takes a lot to be respected."

Statistics show that 40 per cent of all working women are either hospital aides, saleswomen, office workers or cleaning personnel. Of those employed in manufacturing, mining and construction, 88 per cent are men.

The women interviewed believe that Swedish women often enter "female fields" because in many ways the Swedish family has remained a traditional family. "People's traditional way of thinking and attitudes take time to change," said Danielson.

According to officials, schools in the past decades have been used to promote equality between men and women, in the family, in the labour market and in social life in general. Studies have shown greater awareness

among today's men and women of what these attitudes on sex roles imply.

### Equal wages

The principle of equal wages for equal work has long been accepted; however, there is an earning gap between men and women. Women's choice of occupation are "those jobs which remain low on the wage scale," said the civil servant. In addition, women's shorter hours at work increase the earning gap. Approximately two thirds of all wage payments are made to men, even though women make up almost half the work force, she said.

Swedes are working in a number of ways to promote increased employment for women and to counteract segregation. Some of these measures include: Regional employment quotas and training subsidies, and relief work in non-traditional occupations in the government sector. Nonetheless, equality in the labour market is dependent on an equal sharing of work at home.

Changing traditional attitudes is difficult not only in schools, but also within the family. Women still carry the major responsibility for child care and housework, but there are signs of a shift in attitude in recent years.

Swedish legislation allows for 12 months of paid leave from work when a child is born. The leave can be shared equally between the parents or can fully be used by either. Fully employed parents also have the right to 60 days of leave with pay to care for a sick child. Parents with children can also cut their workday from

eight to six hours a day, without financial loss.

"It is not unusual anymore for a man to take a few months off work to take care of his child," said the civil servant. However, more often than not it is the women who will take leave from work to care for her child.

However, since the man is not the only breadwinner, the male-dominated system is gradually breaking down. Economic independence has given women freedom of choice. Some Swedish men and women believe that "a high price" has been paid for women's economic independence and the rapid development of the country.

Financial independence is the basis for equality between men and women. Each make their own money and each are self-sufficient, said a Swede from an Arab origin. She said, "No longer does a woman have to stay with a man because she is in need of someone to take care of her."

### Divorce on the rise

A government official noted that divorce rates have increased dramatically in Sweden in the last 20 years, "one out of every three marriages ends in divorce."

A taxi-driver, recently divorced, said that he tried to follow his parents' example, who, he said, have been married for 30 years. "I tried to be a good, faithful and loyal husband. I loved my wife and kids, tried to give them everything they needed. I don't know where I went wrong. Maybe women today do not know what they really want; sometimes they say they want a liberated man, other times they say they want prince charming on his white horse."

Although they went to mar-

riage counsellors, the marriage ended in divorce, and his wife, a working woman, gained custody of their children. He said that he was bitter since he was deprived of his children except for a few visits a month, "but, what can I do, she does not want or need me."

The country's rapid development has also played a role in the breakdown of the family unit, according to two businessmen. President of Pharmacia Biomedicals Stellan Lind said that due to a rise in industry, "family ties were weakened or destroyed as people had to move around. Usually families will only see each other during occasions." Lind said that rarely does a Swede live where he was born. He also noted that Sweden does not have a tradition of taking care of the elderly at home; "we take care of them as long as we can, and then they are sent to a home," for the elderly.

Another perspective was offered by vice president of market coordination at Alfa Laval, Ake Carnmarker. He believes that the working mother has played a role in the breakdown of the family unit; however, the essential blame lies on the government's progressive tax system, which was needed to establish equality among Swedes and for the development of the country, he said. "The high taxes we must pay make it necessary for the woman to work and to send her children to daycare centres," he said. Carnmarker asserts that "are fed the information the Social Democrats want them to have. This is important politically."

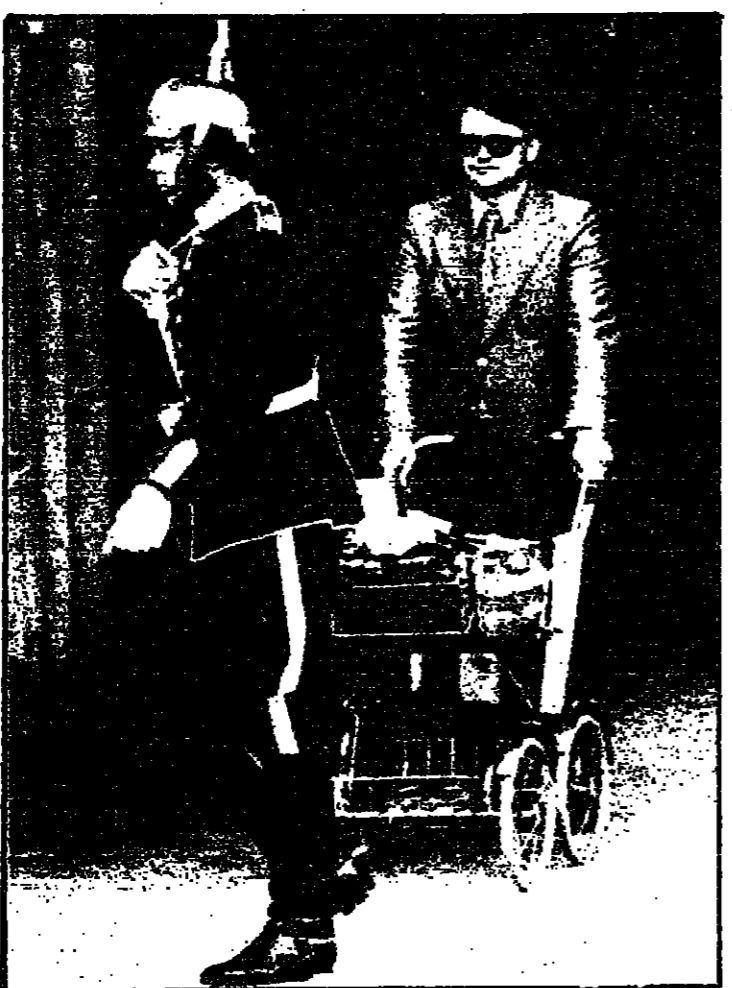
To support his argument, he said that there were no private daycare centres. "There isn't a law prohibiting them, but the process can be obstructed."

One of the five political parties in Sweden, the Liberal Party, has called for giving women the choice of staying at home with their children instead of sending them to daycare centres from age one. "Instead of subsidising the daycare centres, they can give the money to the mothers," Carnmarker said.

"We work because we want to work, because we enjoy what we are doing," said one Swedish woman. She pointed out that even if she had the choice to stay at home, she would not, as "there is no one to talk to, everyone works."

Women stressed the importance of cooperation between both partners in order to keep the family unit intact. "If my husband would help more in taking care of the children and in cleaning the house, we could both keep our jobs and our marriage together," said another Swede of a foreign origin, who also requested anonymity.

The progress that Sweden has gone through over the past two decades would have been difficult if women were not involved in the development of the country. Although they have achieved more equality than in most countries, they feel there are still some gaps which must be filled. A price for liberation has been paid, but most Swedish women find it impossible to return to the traditional roles designated for women worldwide.



Men's changing roles: Swedes are entitled to 12 months of "maternity" leave to be used by both or any of father and mother.

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### King returns from Cairo talks; Arafat expected here soon

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obstacle. Shamir rejected the proposals in an interview with an Israeli newspaper Friday.

"I think that Shamir will stand against the international public opinion, the U.S., the European and the Arab public opinion," Mubarak said.

"I don't think that this will lead to a comprehensive settlement or comprehensive peace," he added.

"I agree," said the King. Asked if he would still be optimistic if Shamir remained negative on Washington's plan, Mubarak said:

"The King and I are always optimistic whether Shamir makes statements to help reach a settlement or not.

"We consult with each other and exert our utmost in the right direction to reach a settlement for the Palestinian problem."

The King said his visit to Syria Thursday centred on peace moves in the Middle East.

### 'Encouraging ideas'

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, Mubarak has repeated his call to Arab states not to reject the new U.S. proposal.

"It is a mistake to reject and also to surrender and accept anything," Mubarak told Al Rai Al Aam in an interview published Saturday.

"There are now encouraging ideas and we must take these ideas and develop them so the

Arab policy is unified. Israel is waiting for the Arab states to say 'no' so it can claim that they are the ones in the way of a settlement."

In proposals unveiled by Secretary of State George Shultz, the United States suggested an international conference next month followed by Arab-Israeli talks on Palestinian "self-rule."

Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Syria have been asked to reply formally by the end of the week.

"We must exploit this movement and I see a good opportunity to compensate for many past chances that were lost," Mubarak said.

The president told the Egyptian news agency MENA last week that Arab states should not reject the U.S. proposals out of hand.

In his remarks published Saturday, Mubarak said he rejected the idea that Egypt reclaim sovereignty over the Gaza Strip.

"We welcome coordination with King Hussein and the PLO and are happy to extend any help from our side to move toward peace but what we reject is to stab someone in the back," he said.

### U.S.-PLO talks aborted

Mubarak said that at one point during Shultz's Middle East tour he appeared to be ready to meet PLO representatives despite a U.S. ban on contact with the organisation.

"We called Palestinians along

with PLO elements who had agreed to meet Shultz on condition that the meeting take place in Cairo and nowhere else," he said.

But the meeting apparently fell through because Shultz wanted the meeting to be held in Jordan or in Europe, Mubarak said.

### Arafat rejects plan

Arafat rejected the U.S. plan because it calls for indirect PLO representation at a peace conference, the New York Times reported Saturday.

Interviewed in Tunis Thursday night, Arafat said the PLO would no longer settle for indirect representation through a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as the Shultz plan suggests, the newspaper said.

Arafat said he was "definitely" prepared to make peace with the Israeli government but said Shultz's peace effort had ignored the Palestinians, the paper said.

"He contacted everybody except the Palestinians," the paper quoted Arafat as complaining.

He said without elaborating that "if this opportunity is lost, there is no other opportunity" for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, the newspaper said.

He said none of the Arab leaders who met Shultz had briefed him about their conversations but this did not matter since only the PLO could speak for the Palestinians, the New York Times said.

Arafat said he had accepted

Israel's existence by accepting "all United Nations resolutions including those which affirm Israel's right to exist peacefully with its neighbours in return for withdrawal from territory occupied in the 1967 war, the Times said.

Pressed on his willingness to make peace with Israel, he told the newspaper: "With whom am I going to make peace at an international conference? With my enemies, with the Israeli government."

Asked again if he was prepared to make peace with Israel, he replied: "Yes, definitely."

"Peace needs courageous men," the Times quoted Arafat as saying. "We are waiting for the other side. Are they ready? Or are they following this stupid Israeli military junta?"

In Israel, members of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's Labour Party criticised Shamir's decision to reject the U.S. plan when he goes to Washington Sunday.

Parliament Speaker Shlomo Hillel, a hawkish member of Laour, said in a radio interview: "It is ridiculous to say you are in favour of finding a solution but when a chance emerges to find one you are not willing to try it."

Shamir attacked the initiative in an interview with the daily Haaretz, saying: "The document is unwieldy, clumsy, imposing the shortest of timetables and containing nothing to assure the peace or security of Israel."

### All Palestinians to resign from Israeli police

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call for policemen to resign. After the statement came out, Adawi said, a wave of resignations began.

He said it had not been possible for all policemen to submit their resignation forms immediately, but he expected them all to do so by Sunday.

### Protests continue

In further violence in the occupied territories a 50-year-old Palestinian woman was wounded in a refugee camp in the West Bank. An Israeli army spokesman said the shots were fired from a car belonging to the Israeli prison service, which was pelted with stones in the camp.

In Hebron, troops shot and wounded a Palestinian after he

hurled a hand grenade at an army patrol, an army spokesman said. No soldiers were hurt.

Demonstrators attacked the Israeli police station in Bethlehem with stones and bottles Saturday, Israeli Radio said.

About 30 members of an Israeli group called "Stop the Occupation" visited the Amari refugee camp near Ramallah Saturday in solidarity with its residents. A demonstration broke out as they were leaving the camp and soldiers responded with tear-gas.

### Peace group visits Amari

"Stop the Occupation," is a small Israeli peace group dedicated to the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories.

As they entered the camp with

Palestinian hosts, ragged children and others in the cramped alleys spread the word: "Jews, Jews."

Dozens of boys began chanting support for the PLO — "PLO, Israel no" — as a growing procession neared a camp barricade manned by Israeli soldiers. Older men tried to calm and disperse the small crowd.

One of the Israeli visitors later took a boy by the collar and insisted "PLO and Israel, peace."

It set the tone for an afternoon punctuated by strong emotions and high hopes.

"The barrier is 40 years old and you can't jump over it in one day," said Elnathan Weissert, an Israeli student. "With the army outside and because we were afraid and they were afraid, it was difficult."

The group visited a home where they met camp residents and exchanged views through a translator. The talk was dominated by bitter stories and feelings voiced by Palestinians.

"When we are all together, Palestinians and Israelis, maybe we can change something," said one Palestinian, who asked not to be named.

"For the Israelis, the problem becomes concrete," said a Palestinian university lecturer. "It's no longer abstract, not only political, it's human."

The organisation, which includes Arabs and Jews, also invites Palestinians to West Jerusalem to discuss political issues.

"The only clearly positive thing I can say about it was that it was a human gesture," said an Israeli Jew who joined the trip, but was not part of the organisation. "It is important for them to know that there are other people in Israel that think deeply and sympathise with them."

### U.N. chief: U.S. broke agreement

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week Israel cast the only negative vote when the General Assembly in emergency session called on the United States to rescind the closure law.

The United States did not participate in the vote, which was followed by a separate resolution referring to the World Court the question of whether U.S. authorities must submit to binding arbitration of disputes, as provided for in the headquarters agreement.

In his report Saturday, the U.N. secretary general said that after the General Assembly acted he expressed to the United States the hope that "it would still prove possible for the United States to reconcile its domestic legislation with its international obligation."

Should that not be the case, he trusted that the United States "would recognise the existence of the dispute and agree to the utilisation of the dispute settlement procedure provided for in section 21 of the headquarters agreement and that in the interim period the status quo would be maintained."

Perez de Cuellar last month named a U.N. arbitrator to a three-member panel and asked the United States to do likewise. The third member may be the choice of the disputants, according to section 21.

Meanwhile, officials said they were preparing for the probability of another resumed session of the General Assembly some time next week. They predicted a resolution strongly condemning the U.S. decision.

In Cairo, a cabinet minister Saturday expressed "deep regret" at the U.S. decision.

### PLO reaction

In Tunis, PLO officials were quoted as describing the U.S. decision as "a measure of support for official terrorism" in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi said the decision was a violation of U.S.-U.N. accords.

"This measure is not only an expression of hostility by the United States towards the Palestinian people and the PLO," the Tunisian TAP news agency quoted a PLO official as saying.

"But it also translates into Washington's indulgence of the savage crimes committed daily by Israel in the occupied territories."

The official called the U.S. decision "extremely serious" and

"a measure of absolute support for official terrorism against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

TAP quoted Klibi as saying that the U.S. decision was a "gift offered to a bloody terrorist who is unembarrassed to defy" Washington.

"The announcement of this decision at a moment when Washington prepares to play a role towards the reestablishment of peace in the Mideast shows who stands to profit from the Reagan administration's weight and in what direction American demarches are headed," Klibi was quoted as saying.

Arab League sources said, meanwhile, that Libya and South Yemen were the latest Arab countries to officially agree to an extraordinary Arab summit, proposed by Algeria, to examine the situation in the West Bank and Gaza.

### Iraqis hit station

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Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

According to Larjani, the U.N. chief's efforts had been hampered by "Iraqi rejection" of the plan and by "American dislike" of U.N. Resolution 598 as a basis for peace.

Resolution 598, which the council adopted unanimously last July, calls for, among other things, an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal to internationally-recognised boundaries. Iraq has said it will accept the resolution provided Iran did likewise.

Larjani went on: "But still we think the efforts of the secretary-general should continue... we think his plan should be given a priority. We hope this will bring about, or at least lay the foundation for, a durable peace and security for the region."

Asked if he believed the truce in the "war of the cities" could become permanent, Larjani said such ceasefires had occurred several times before.

Baghdad's press described the ceasefire as a triumph and warned Iran against resuming the bombardment.

The newspaper Al Jomhuriya said the "war of the cities" was not the "essential issue," but "so long as the overall war continues, the rulers of Iran could fabricate any reason" to start it again.

Al Thawra, voice of Iraq's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, said the missile war taught the "charlatans of Iran" a painful, bitter lesson. "It said any Iranian violation of the ceasefire" would, for sure, generate a devastating Iraqi reply.

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## Government to give priority to Aqaba

AMMAN (Petra) — The government attaches great importance to the Aqaba port which is considered one of the main pillars of the Jordanian economy. Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan said here Saturday.

Speaking at a meeting with the Jordanian Ports Corporation's board, the minister said that the government will provide all possible assistance to the port's authorities to enable them to boost the port's capabilities which would in turn improve services not only for Jordan but also for Iraq and other Arab countries.

Loading and unloading equipment will be improved and extended, the minister said.

The minister and the board members reviewed the current corporation's activities and present programmes, and decided to help Iraq annually export 200,000 tonnes of sulphur and 200,000 tonnes of superphosphates via Aqaba.



Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan chairs a meeting of the Jordanian Ports Corporation's board of directors (Petra photo).

The board also discussed the allocation of JD 750,000 of the corporation's 1988 budget to finance the installation of docking facilities for the Royal Yachting Club.

Aqaba Port Corporation announced Saturday that it will take part in a meeting by the

Arab Maritime Transport Academy which will open in Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, on March 21.

Corporation Director-General Eid Al Fayed said that the meeting will discuss the academy's programmes and subjects related to Arab ports in general.

## Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, March 5, '88 and ending Wednesday, March 9, '88. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
<b>Banking and financial institutions</b>					
Industrial Development Bank	1270	1671	1.310	1.340	1.000
Petra Bank	3457	6923	2.050	2.000	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank	650	1144	1.760	1.760	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	2055	3272	1.600	1.590	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	2420	2904	1.200	1.200	1.000
Housing Bank	7000	11200	1.600	1.600	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	1700	3604	2.100	2.120	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	520	15600	30.000	30.000	5.000
Bank of Jordan	1955	31904	16.310	16.320	5.000
Arab Bank	510	58817	118.500	114.250	10.000
Jordan National Bank	8325	20306	2.430	2.450	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	16550	19489	1.200	1.180	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	2840	3855	1.850	1.850	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation	153350	90047	0.610	0.590	1.000
National Financial Investments	19765	34786	1.660	1.850	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	28122	23999	0.810	0.850	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	—	—	—	—	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation	—	—	—	—	2.000
Al Mashrek Exchange	50	725	14.000	14.500	10.000
<b>Insurance and reinsurance</b>					
Jordan French Insurance	3213	18034	5.900	5.600	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	2475	2277	1.000	0.920	1.000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	5270	5794	1.100	1.100	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Philadelphus Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance	2267	2961	1.280	1.310	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Universal Insurance	3450	2553	0.730	0.730	1.000
General Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Al-Izzah Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Ahliya Insurance	2500	3150	1.280	1.260	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
<b>Services and industries</b>					
General Investments	2555	3424	1.330	1.340	1.000
Imam for Investment and Financial Facilities	877	536	0.620	0.610	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	57458	26574	0.440	0.460	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Aqaro)	4384	1885	0.420	0.430	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	169950	57727	0.330	0.340	1.000
Leasing Corporation	31072	21751	0.670	0.720	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	157948	30699	0.670	0.690	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Tajeeq	50345	16851	0.820	0.840	1.000
Jordan Electric Power	18370	27021	1.480	1.470	1.000
Irbid District Electricity	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab International Hotels	—	—	—	—	1.000
Hotels and Tourism	—	—	—	—	1.000
Garage Owners Federation Office	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	10650	9266	0.870	0.870	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	1000	2000	2.050	2.000	1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	36734	15206	0.400	0.410	1.000
Jordan Dairy	9995	9675	1.020	1.030	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	6744	14366	2.130	2.100	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	305819	318379	1.500	1.540	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	2044	4873	2.400	2.350	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Inatj)	2350	3477	1.500	1.460	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	2422	11001	4.350	4.400	1.000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	—	—	—	—	1.000
Aladdin Industries	158250	223855	1.380	1.400	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	39275	74758	1.900	1.890	1.000
Jordan Worsteds Mills	187	813	4.500	4.350	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	5550	5873	1.050	1.060	1.000
Chemical Industries	47650	83356	1.720	1.780	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	33920	24983	0.720	0.750	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	14239	21624	1.470	1.530	1.000
National Steel Industries	77210	219367	2.730	2.850	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	118850	218560	1.860	1.850	5.000
General Mining	4546	32271	7.100	7.080	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	2491527	680166	0.240	0.250	1.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	4500	2250	0.500	0.500	1.000
National Industries	37199	14626	0.350	0.380	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	47110	63869	1.320	1.340	1.000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	840	622	0.740	0.740	1.000
Livestock and Poultry	8468	10081	1.180	1.190	1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	1565	4798	3.030	3.080	1.000
Rafia Industries for Plastic Bags	45625	30537	0.660	0.670	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Trans-Jordan Minerals Research	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Himeh Mineral	—	—	—	—	1.000
Orient Dry Batteries Factory	1425	1211	0.860	0.850	1.000
Woolen Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tanning	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	—	—	—	—	1.000
Mas Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	64509	64509	0.990	1.010	1.000
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	57625	55101	0.930	0.950	1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving	46475	127850	2.970	3.040	1.000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	72744	77730	1.040	1.070	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	9150	9483	1.030	1.030	1.000
Jordan Glass Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4,429,168</b>	<b>2,988,007</b>			

## Kuwait Investment Office to raise stake in British Petroleum

LONDON (AP) — The Kuwaiti Investment Office (KIO) will raise its stake in British Petroleum (B.P.) Co. Plc to 22.5 per cent but no more, and will not seek representation on the board, its chief investment manager said Friday.

His comments were the first direct confirmation by the London-based investment arm of Kuwait of its intentions toward B.P.

Earlier Friday, the Kuwait Investment Office raised speculation it was building on its original 19.53 per cent stake by announcing, amid heavy turnover in new B.P. shares, that it held 1.269 billion B.P. shares or 21.25 per cent. The stake breached the 20 per cent level B.P. has said is acceptable.

"KIO policy with regard to all its investments is to regard them as investments and not as a means of influencing the policy of the company in question," said the KIO chief investment manager, Trevor Ball. "This is equally so in the case of B.P."

He added, "the KIO looks on this as a long term holding in a company for whose management and policy KIO have a high regard and which it is confident will act in the interests of shareholders. For the reason KIO doesn't propose to seek representation on its board."

KIO said it will increase its stake to a target 22.5 per cent as soon as market conditions permit. B.P. refused to comment on the situation Friday.

Jeremy Elden, an oil analyst at the British brokerage Phillips and Drew, said Kuwait originally intended to build up a 25 per cent

stake in B.P.

Elden said the 22.5 per cent target stake "looks like a classic compromise" worked out between B.P. chairman Sir Peter Walters and Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah.

Kuwait had hoped for a 25 per cent stake in B.P. because that would give them the right to block special resolutions put to B.P. shareholders, Elden said. The resolutions have to receive approval of at least 75 per cent of the stockholders.

"That would have given them real power over the company, if they had ever wanted to exercise it," Elden said.

The office began accumulating B.P. shares soon after B.P.'s £2.7 billion share offering was massively undersubscribed last October.

In February it declared a 19.53 per cent stake, or 1.165 billion shares.

Walters indicated in February that he viewed the KIO's stake as acceptable provided the office didn't increase its holding beyond 20 per cent.

B.P. partly paid shares were up five pence at 88 pence by midday Friday on London's Stock Exchange, and 71 million new shares were traded by midday.

B.P. regular shares were up nine pence at 286 pence, with stock exchange volume in the shares amounting to 60 million shares.

## Economists see Japan's growth settling down

TOKYO (R) — Japan's economic growth has slowed from its feverish pace of late last year and is settling to a healthy, sustainable rate, economists said.

While growth will be less frenetic than in the last two quarters of 1987, the economy remains robust and is now less dependent on the stimulus of government spending, they said.

"We're past peak growth, but it was an excessive rate of expansion," said David Gerstenhaber, economist at Morgan Stanley International. "Even if it's slowing down, it's still pretty fast."

Economists said the peak was hit in the last two quarters of 1987.

In the July/September quarter the economy grew two per cent from the previous period and government economists have estimated it grew 1.5 per cent between October and December.

They have projected growth for the fiscal year ending on March 31 to be above the government's target of 3.7 per cent.

"The crest of the cycle is just behind us," said Ron Napier,

economist with Salomon Brothers (ASIA). "Housing, public works, business investment, inventory restocking, private consumption were all going great guns."

A cooling-off in the housing boom which fuelled much of last year's growth is the clearest sign of a decline in the growth rate, economists said.

Housing starts fell 28.4 per cent in January compared to December which saw about a one per cent drop from November.

"We don't see a continued momentum of high growth rates (in the housing sector) this year," said Keiichi Honda, research director at the Bank of Tokyo.

If, as expected, government spending on public works in the next fiscal year rises less than in the present year that will also mean less of a boost for the economy.

Napier estimated total central and government public works spending would rise about two per cent from the total package for 1987/88 which included a supplementary budget.

## Iraq buys 51 per cent of Jordan's exports

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's industrial exports last year were worth JD 131,412,164 against JD 131,975,365 in 1986, according to figures released by the Amman Chamber of Industry and quoted by Al Dustour Arabic newspaper.

The report said that Iraq top-

ped the list of countries importing Jordanian manufactured products, buying nearly 51 per cent of the total exports.

Other countries importing Jordanian products included Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, nations in South

East Asia, Europe and North America, according to the report.

It said that Jordan last year exported leather, chemical, plastic and agricultural products, perfumes, engineering equipment, electrical appliances, kitchens, doors, furniture, constructional materials, paper, processed and canned food and textiles.

## AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Although only shares of 36 public-shareholding companies were traded Saturday, the number of shares, the volume and the number of contracts were relatively high at 529,269 shares, JD 782,230 and 405 contracts respectively.

The attention of investors shifted Saturday to the banking sector focusing on the National Financial Investments Company which accounted for 212,750 shares, JD 415,685 and 29 contracts of the total. The Jordan Line and Silicate Brick Industries Company ranked second as it captured 125,844 of the number of shares but National Steel Industries Company was second in the JD 106,335 volume it recorded. The number of contracts for both was 51 and 70 respectively.

Another firm which posted moderate figures was Intermediate Petrochemical Industries. It accounted for 37,150, JD 56,057 and 52 contracts of the total.

## Minister approves municipal budgets

KARAK (Petra) — Municipal and Rural Affairs and Environment Minister Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has approved a JD 182,000 budget for Ghor Al Mazraa municipality in the Karak governorate.

Ghor Mazraa Mayor Radwan Dughmeit said that JD 80,000 of the funds will be allocated for setting up a new shopping centre while the rest will finance the construction of roads, the purchase of land for public use and the purchase of equipment for various municipality operations.

The minister also endorsed a JD 71,500 budget for Al Shahabieh town in the Karak governorate. According to Mayor Saleh Shamaleh, most of the funds will finance road construction, the maintenance of cemeteries and mosques and the lighting of streets.

The Cities and Villages Development Bank has, meanwhile, approved a JD 14,000 loan for Adnanieh village council in the Karak governorate.

The sum will be used to pay compensation to residents whose lands had been appropriated by the council for opening roads. In addition, JD 4,000 have been allocated for opening roads.

## FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1988

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Richter Institute

## GENERAL TENDENCIES:

This is a good time to collect your thoughts and make some definite plans for the future. It may be a good idea to seek the advice of an expert. It would be wise to avoid taking any risks today.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make an effort to get your life more efficiently organized. Stay at home with your mate tonight, and get plenty of rest after a hard day.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new acquaintance can give you some very profitable ideas, so try to make a friend of this person. Drive carefully this evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be sure to keep any vehicles you have made to-the-leader. You'll have some free time today, so get into a hobby you have always enjoyed.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can come to a fine understanding with an associate concerning a project. Become more active in civic affairs.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You would be wise to give more thought to the state of your health. If you get together with a co-worker, keep it on a social, non-business level.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) If you pay any friends a visit, be sure

to do so before the sun goes down. The comfort of your home is your best bet this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Work on establishing more harmony at home. You can accomplish a great many things today, but stay at

home and rest up tonight. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A few short trips can bring you many benefits today. If you use some charm, be sure to drive very carefully on the highways.

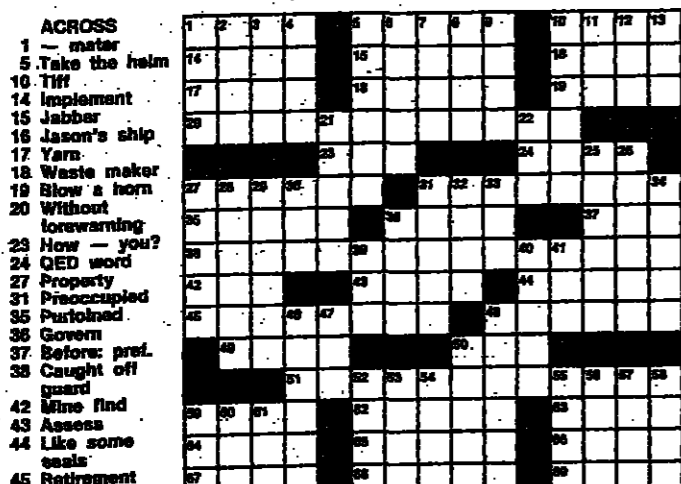
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can find some great ideas on how to add to your income in the newspaper. Try not to spend any money if you don't have to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Your organizational ability is quite good right now, so use it. Get together with some old and trusted friends this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good time to focus your energy on solving any problems in your personal life. Handle any dull chores in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) An understanding friend is more than willing to listen to any problems you may have. Set aside some time for healthful exercise.

## The Daily Commuter Puzzle



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# U.S. imposes sanctions against Panama; cash crisis worsens

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan says he is prepared to take additional steps against Panama's government if a new series of economic sanctions does not force military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega from power.

As expected, Reagan announced Friday that the United States will withhold a \$6.5-million payment due to Panama next Tuesday for operations relating to the Panama Canal. He took other measures designed to make Panamanian products less competitive in U.S. markets.

In addition, Reagan announced the suspension of Panamanian participation in the Caribbean Basin initiative, under which some products are allowed duty-free entry into the United States.

## Austerity measures

In Panama City, the government, under the pressure of the U.S. sanctions, has cut civil servants' working hours to save money.

Panama's new chief executive, Manuel Solis Palma, met with his cabinet in an emergency session Friday.

He was to meet with the cabinet again Saturday "to work out a total package plan to deal with the crisis, especially a payment plan for public employees who must be paid by March 15," said an official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The government reportedly was considering delaying or reducing payments due Tuesday to nearly 150,000 government employees.

## State of war

Boris Moreno, a Panamanian government spokesman, said the U.S. actions created a "state of war" and set a dangerous precedent.

"This means that if the United States government does not like the government of another country, it can withhold any funds deposited in the United States," he said.

Noriega made no comment on Reagan's new sanctions.

## Riot dispersed

Riot police firing tear gas grenades and spraying a stinging, acrid liquid from canisters prevented opposition parties from holding a demonstration in the central banking district Friday.

Three journalists were injured when police sprayed tear gas in their faces at close range.

## Soviet charges

In Moscow, the Soviet TASS news agency Friday charged that U.S. economic sanctions against Panama were an attempt to subjugate the Central American nation and reclaim the Panama Canal.

"Reports on developments around Panama leave no doubt that the Washington administration intends to crush the independence of that country and perpetuate U.S. domination over its territory, first of all the Panama Canal zone," TASS said in its commentary.

The agency described drug-trafficking accusations against Noriega as "a convenient pretext" for interference in internal Panamanian affairs.

## 'Asylum in Spain'

Also Friday, the ABC Television network quoted diplomatic sources as saying the government of Spain was prepared to offer asylum to Noriega.

The two countries most mentioned by opposition leaders as possible asylum sites are Paraguay and the Dominican Republic. Opposition leaders say they have sounded out the Dominican Republic, and that Noriega sent two military colleagues to Paraguay this past week, possibly to discuss asylum prospects.

# Aquino tells army to stick to war

BAGUIO, Philippines (Agencies) — Philippine President Corason Aquino Saturday gave a blunt message to the Philippine military to stay out of politics and get back to fighting.

Speaking to elite officer cadets who last year rebelled against her, she called for a greater concentration on fighting skills.

"Policy is the business of the civilian authority... Fighting the enemies marked out by that policy is your business," Aquino told graduating cadets who publicly backed a major coup attempt last August.

"So long as that distinction is kept in mind there will be no misunderstanding," she added.

Aquino spoke from the same podium in the Philippine Military Academy grandstand that was partly destroyed a year ago when a bomb exploded during graduation rehearsals, four days before she was to address the cadets. The blast killed four people, including two officers.

Aquino at that time called it an assassination attempt.

Her speech Saturday continually underlined the need to sharpen the skills and fighting spirit of what is widely seen as the least professional army in Asia.

The socioeconomic conditions that the military says must also be tackled to defeat the 19-year-old communist insurgency were the business of the civilian government, she declared.

"There is no substitute for fighting. I don't want soldiers pushing papers, I want them pushing the enemy around," Aquino said.

Aquino ordered the academy's teaching methods to return to the basics of the small-group fighting that dominates a war contested mainly in isolated villages and by countryside hit-and-run ambushes.

Force was the only answer to those attempting to seize power, she said.

"The only way to defeat (such) ambition is to crush it as we did again and again with the criminal ambitions of the right and as we continue to do with the totalitarian ambitions of the left," she said.

The duty of the military was to protect the lives and human rights of Filipinos and maintain the security of the civilian government, she said.

Aquino made no direct reference to the public support for rebel Colonel Gregorio "Griego" Honasan's revolt last August expressed by the academy cadets, led by the graduating class she was addressing.

## Insurgency dwindling

In another development, the Associated Press (AP) reported Saturday that a classified report contradicts the Philippine military's claims and predicts that the Communist insurgency will dwindle considerably by the end of Aquino's term.

The prediction was made in a military intelligence report drafted at the end of last year and distributed to Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos and Chief of Staff General Renato de Villa in January.

# U.N. panel adopts 78 human rights resolutions

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission Friday ended its annual six-week session, following adoption of 78 resolutions this year on human rights situations throughout the world.

U.N. spokesman Jean-Paul Riviere said the number compared with 61 measures adopted by the 43-nation panel last year. The resolutions denounced a wide range of violations, with emphasis on the situation in the Israeli occupied territories, Southern Africa, Chile, Iran and Afghanistan. The mandates of the special U.N. investigators were extended.

The commission also took some 20 other decisions, including one which accepted an invitation by the Fidel Castro government to send a delegation to Cuba for an inquiry into allegations of rights abuses.

The decision, drafted by four Latin American countries, was approved without vote late Thursday. It was the first time that Cuba agreed to admit foreign investigators. The visit is planned this summer, with the delegation to report its findings to the 1989 session of the commission.

# Pinochet rejects call for open election

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean President Augusto Pinochet Friday rejected an opposition demand to allow more than one candidate to run for president, saying it would create "chaos and anarchy."

Pinochet, the army commander who has ruled Chile since a 1973 coup, vowed to carry out the government's plan for a single candidate in a yes-or-no plebiscite sometime this year.

Pinochet made the remarks in an address to the nation to mark the seventh anniversary of the military-drafted constitution, which the opposition wants amended.

In a pre-dawn attack before Pinochet's speech, leftist guerrillas fired submachine guns and at least two rocket grenades at a suburban Santiago police station, wounding two officers and three civilians, officials reported.

Officials reported three other guerrilla attacks early Friday in the Santiago area, but no casualties.

According to the Chilean constitution, the commanders-in-chief of the army, navy and air force and the head of the national police will pick a single presidential candidate for a yes-or-no vote.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Passengers foil Pakistan hijack bid

QUETTA, Pakistan (R) — First class passengers overpowered a

bearded man who shot a guard while trying to hijack a Pakistani

airliner Sunday, airport officials said. The gunman, also flying

first class, wounded the guard when he stopped him getting into

the cockpit. Passengers on the Pakistan International Airline

Airbus-300 domestic flight from Karachi then leapt on the

would-be hijacker and overpowered him. The plane landed safely

in the Baluchistan province capital of Quetta and the gunman was

arrested. Airport manager A.R. Qazi said the man was bleeding

after being beaten by the passengers.

17 killed in Sri Lankan bus attack

COLOMBO (R) — Gunmen who killed at least 17 people in a bus

ambush set fire to the vehicle with the wounded still inside and

pushed fleeing victims back into the deathtrap, reports

reaching Colombo Saturday said. The gang opened fire with T-56

automatic rifles Friday while the bus was moving and threw

grenades, killing the driver instantly, a Horowathana police

officer said. "The group then boarded the bus and started

stabbing with knives and swords and also opened fire at the

passengers. The attackers never said any word at all," he said.

Police in Anuradhapura district told Reuters by telephone they

have yet to remove the charred remains from the badly burnt bus,

attacked on the main road at Horowathana. "There are at least

15 bodies inside, possibly 20," said a Horowathana policeman.

New S. African dissident group banned

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa Saturday effectively

banned an organisation which had been formed to take over from

leading anti-apartheid groups severely restricted by the govern-

ment. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok issued an order

against the Committee for the Defence of Democracy, formed by

leading government opponents Monday after the activities of 18

dissident groups were curtailed last month. The order also banned

a mass protest rally set for Sunday by the new committee. The

committee was formed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and fellow

churchman Allan Boesak after the white-led government effectively

banned black opposition.

Acting Vietnamese premier named

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnam has appointed Vo Van Kiet, a

leading advocate of pragmatic economic reform, as acting prime

minister to replace Pham Hung, who died Thursday, the state

radio said. Kiet, 65, will serve until a permanent successor is

chosen by the National Assembly, said a communique issued after

a special cabinet session Friday and reported in a Saturday

broadcast. Kiet ranks fourth in the ruling Communist Party

politburo and was the senior of nine deputy premiers under Hung,

who died of a heart attack at 75 after only nine months in office.

Lebanon's Armenians protest killings

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's Armenian community staged a strike

Saturday in protest at what it called massacres against Armenians

in Soviet Azerbaijan. The strike was called by three Armenian

political parties based in Christian-controlled areas of Lebanon

where the bulk of the Armenian community lives. Witnesses and

Armenian residents said the strike was observed at all Armenian

institutions and schools while Armenians working in other

institutions did not report to work. A statement by the Armenian

community said the strike was "in protest at the massacres

committed against the innocent Armenians in Azerbaijan."

Another statement by Armenian clerics said 1,500 Armenians have

been killed in the ethnic clashes that started Feb. 28 between

Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the city of Sumgait. Soviet troops

are now patrolling the city nearly two weeks after the clashes

started.

Freed American blasts contras, U.S.

MANAGUA (R) — An American peace volunteer held for nine

days by contra rebels described the experience Friday as the most

terrifying of his life and blamed Washington for its detention. "It

has been the most terrifying experience of my life," Richard

Boren, 30, said of the ordeal, which ended when he was released

unharmful Wednesday. "I denounce as an act of terrorism the

contra kidnappings of civilians," said Boren, who was seized with

19 Nicaraguans after a rebel attack on a northern settlement on

March 1, during which two rebels and four peasant militia force

members were killed. "The contras had absolutely no right to

attack," he said. "I blame the contras and those who created the

contras — the U.S. government."

Prince Charles returns after tragedy

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles flew home Friday with the

coffin of a close friend and skiing partner killed in a Swiss

avalanche that almost engulfed the heir to the British throne.

Charles, his wife, Diana, the Princess of Wales, and sister-in-law

Sarah, the Duchess of York, walked under gray skies from the

royal aircraft that landed at Northolt Air Base near London after

flying from Switzerland. They were met by the pregnant widow of

Hugh Lindsay, 34, who was killed in the skiing accident Thursday.

Lindsay was an army major and former aide to Charles' mother,

Queen Elizabeth II. Charles, 39, was praised for helping save the

life of another skier, Patricia Palmer-Tomkinson, but called

foolhardy by British newspapers for skiing off the marked trails at

the Klosters, Switzerland, resort.

Soviets to inspect major NATO exercise

OSLO (R) — Soviet observers have demanded to inspect the

crucial stages of a major NATO winter exercise in northern

Norway at 36 hours notice, a right they are exercising for the first

time on the alliance's northern flank. Foreign Ministry spokesman

Lasse Seim said Norway was told of the Soviet demand Friday

night and that the inspection team would fly to northern Norway

from Leningrad early Sunday morning. The right of "inspection

on challenge" for military manoeuvres was agreed at the 35-nation

Conference on European Security and Cooperation (CSCE) in

Stockholm two years ago but the Warsaw Pact has never before

sprung such a demand on manoeuvres in Norway. "They will have

48 hours to carry out the inspection, which may include

everything except permanent installations and highly-sensitive

equipment," a NATO spokesman in northern Norway said.

Troops from eight of the 16 allied nations are taking part in

Arrowhead Express, a month-long exercise involving 14,000

troops and designed to test fighting ability in winter conditions

near Norway's Arctic border with the Soviet Union.

# COLUMN

## S. Korea gets tough on AIDS

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea has only a handful of AIDS cases, but it has adopted a tough new law to fight the disease with compulsory tests, sexual supervision of AIDS patients and prison terms for violators. Officials at the health ministry say the law is the first of its kind anywhere to try to comprehensively combat AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and control those already suffering from the disease. AIDS has had little impact in South Korea, but the government, backed by strong public concern, introduced the AIDS law to try to limit the spread of the disease. Health experts agree AIDS cannot be eradicated, but say the law will provide major defenses. Under the law, AIDS sufferers face up to three years in prison if convicted of having sex with infected people without using preventive measures such as condoms. AIDS sufferers who intentionally infect someone also could face criminal assault charges. Owners of bars and clubs that employ women suffering from AIDS or prostitutes who fail to submit to AIDS tests face prison sentences of up to one year. Doctors who fail to report diagnosed AIDS cases also face one-year sentences.

## Condoms fail test

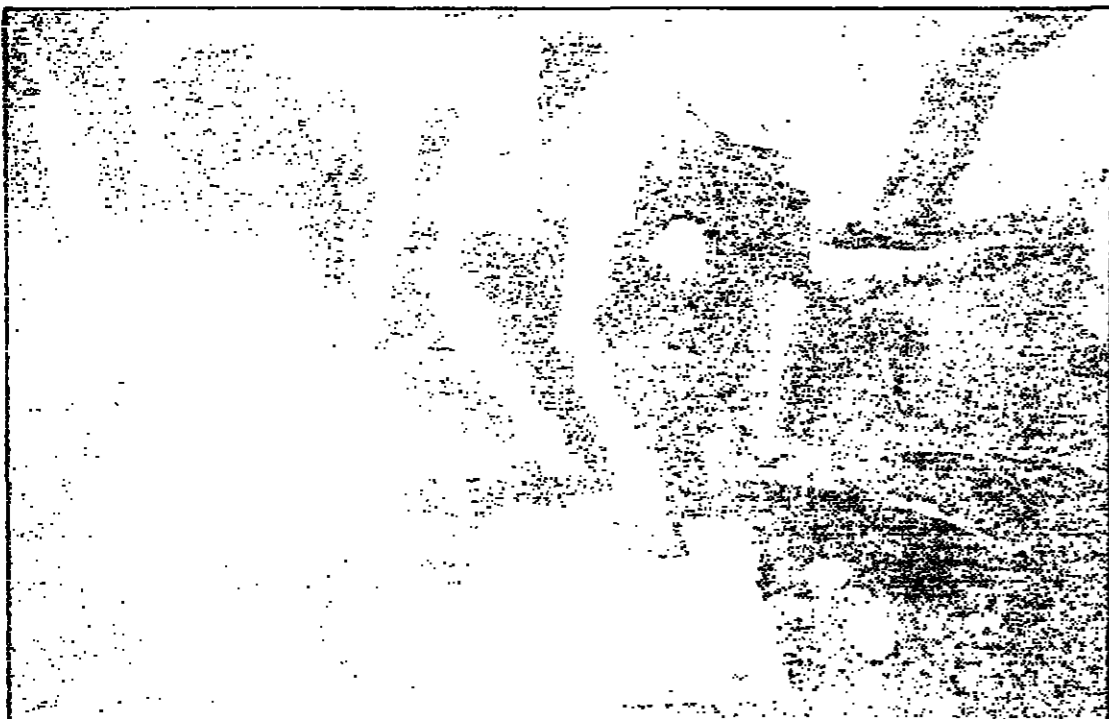
ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — Twelve per cent of U.S.-made condoms and 21 per cent of foreign-made ones failed in recent testing, say federal researchers. The prophylactics, have been advocated as a means of slowing the spread of AIDS. As of February, the centres for Disease Control (CDC) reported Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had tested samples from 430 batches of condoms — 165 batches manufactured in America, and 265 manufactured abroad. The FDA reported previously that as many as one in five batches of latex condoms it tested fail to meet federal standards. The FDA rejects a batch of condoms if more than four per 1,000 fail in water-leakage tests. If two or more batches from a foreign manufacturer fail, future shipments from that manufacturer are stopped at their point of entry into the United States. The CDC in its report on condoms and sexually transmitted diseases stressed that condoms can help prevent such diseases, but that they don't always work. "Individuals likely to become infected or known to be infected with (AIDS) should be aware that condom use cannot completely eliminate the risk of transmission," the Atlanta-based agency said. Lab tests have shown that latex condoms are effective barriers to the spread of AIDS, hepatitis B, Gonorrhea, chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases. However, breakage or other mishaps during use can negate their disease-fighting effectiveness.

## Gibb died of heart condition

LONDON (AP) — Pop singer Andy Gibb died naturally of a heart condition, a coroner's office said Friday after Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb angrily denied reports that his brother's death was related to drug abuse. Constable Michael Harvey of the Oxford coroner's office said that since an autopsy showed that the cause of death was natural, an inquest would not be conducted. "Mr. Gibb died from inflammation of the heart of the sort commonly caused by a virus. There is no evidence that his death was related to drug or alcohol," said a statement from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where he died Thursday at age 30. Gibb had followed his brothers, who formed the Bee Gees rock group to stardom in the late 1970s.

## 'Peter Pan' helps kids

LONDON (R) — Britain's House of Lords has rescued a scheme which gave lucrative royalties from "Peter Pan," the ever-popular play about a boy who never grew up, to the Sick Children. Fifty years ago, author J.M. Barrie bequeathed the hospital all rights from the play which in the past half-century have brought it more than £1 million (\$1.8 million). The copyright of the play expired on Dec. 31 — and with it the royalties to the Great Ormond Street Hospital. But a special amendment to the expiry rules on royalties in this case, which was proposed by former prime minister Lord Callaghan, was approved Thursday night by the upper chamber of Parliament.



Newspaper vendors in Panama City accept pennies for paper while all banks are closed, leaving people without cash.

Washington, Juan B. Sosa, praised Reagan's announcement. He told a news conference late Friday that the sanctions, combined with anti-government actions by the Panamanian people, will be enough to bring Noriega down.

Sosa has refused to recognise the two-week old government in Panama, sharing Reagan's view that it took power by unconstitutional means and is therefore illegitimate. Sosa has declined to turn over the embassy to a new envoy named by Noriega.

Reagan said that Noriega, under federal indictment on drug trafficking charges, would best serve Panama by relinquishing his post as commander of Panama's defence forces.

Reagan's announcement came two weeks after Panamanian President Eric Arturo Delvalle attempted to fire Noriega, but was instead ousted hours later in a move that had all the earmarks of a military coup.

Reagan said his decision to withhold the \$6.5 million and place it in escrow was not in violation of U.S. obligations under the Panama Canal treaties.

"I am prepared to take additional steps, if necessary, to deny the transfer of funds to the Noriega regime from other sources in the U.S.," Reagan said.

Reagan also said that Panamanian exports subject to U.S. tariffs will no longer be admitted at the lowest possible rates. Secretary of State George Shultz said the amount of annual trade affected by the decision is \$99 million.

relating to the fees Panama receives from Alaskan oil shipments transferred to U.S. East Coast ports through a Panamanian pipeline.

Shultz said those fees already have been frozen based on earlier court action. Estimates of the revenues Panama receives from the pipeline range from \$80-120 million annually.

The aim of the sanctions is to aggravate an existing cash-flow crisis in Panama.



Panama City senior citizens wait in line to cash their retirement benefit checks; some are still waiting to be paid, as the cash-flow crisis continues.

# Angola willing to negotiate with S. Africa

LISBON (Agencies) — Angola is willing to negotiate directly with South Africa to end the country's civil war, a Luanda government minister said Friday.

"I think the moment has come perhaps to begin direct negotiations with South Africa," Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, Angola's minister for the productive sector, energy and oil, told a news conference at the end of a brief visit to Portugal.

"We have certain signs that South African leaders are considering the possibility of direct conversations," he added. Van-Dunem indicated Angola was disappointed with Washington's role as mediator in the conflict, which opposes Angola's Marxist government and pro-Western UNITA rebels.

He said Washington seemed concerned only with the departure of some 35,000 Cuban troops, which are stationed in Angola and are helping the Luanda government fight UNITA rebels.

South Africa offered this week to deal directly with the Soviet Union to set up a neutral government in Angola, a proposal which

excluded the United States.

South Africa said Friday that Foreign Minister P.W. Botha is to meet Washington's top Africa expert, Chester Crocker, next week in an unspecified venue in Europe to discuss fresh moves to end Angola's civil war.

## SWAPO morale high

Meanwhile, in Luanda a top official of the movement fighting South Africa for the independence of South-West Africa said Friday morale was high after 22 years of guerrilla war but criticised Western nations for opposing stronger economic sanctions against South Africa.

"We have the support of (southern Africa's) front-line states, the Organisation of African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement and the international community at large," Andimba Toivo Ja Toivo, secretary-general of the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) said in an interview in Luanda.

"We have scored victories," he said, "by eliminating South African forces and war material, and, of course, by winning this international support."

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### A HIGHER CALLING

Neither vulnerable. South dealt, NORTH  
♠ 9 7  
♥ K 6  
♦ J 6 3 2  
♣ A Q J 8 2  
WEST  
♠ K J 8 5 4  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 7 4 3  
EAST  
♠ Q 6 2  
♥ 10 7 3 2  
♦ 10 9 8 4  
♣ K 6  
SOUTH  
♠ A 10 3  
♥ Q J 9 5  
♦ A K Q  
♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
Pass Pass